

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2020

6:00pm

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00pm on March 17, 2020 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Blonshine, Wolfgang, Zeits, Campbell, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. Member Absent: Fleis. Also, in attendance were Water and Sewer Coordinator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Deputy Karczewski and one (1) guest.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to approve Agenda with the addition of "Payment of bills during the COVID19 Social Distancing Period" as item f. and "Variance from Water/Sewer Ordinance for service line at 1768 Sawyer Rd." as item g. **Yes:** Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: No Commissioner present.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Karczewski gave his report: Arrests-6, Citations-18, Complaints-50, Traffic Crashes-9 and Warrants attained-1. Drug Take Back Day has been postponed by the DEA due to COVID-19.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Andy Marek states that due to "Social Distancing" the County Road Commission office is closed to the Public, appointment only at this time.

Wade Trim/Operation Services Report: No engineer present.

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Blonshine states that there is a conference call scheduled for March 18, 2020 with Beth Friend, East Bay Township Supervisor for all Grand Traverse County Supervisors and Clerks to discuss plans regarding COVID-19. Blair Township's Annual Easter Egg Hunt has had to be cancelled due to social distancing. Hoops for Gabriella Basketball Game between Blair Township Emergency Services and Leland Township Fire & Rescue that was to take place on March 21, 2020 has also been postponed, new date to follow after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. PC meeting for March 18, 2020 has been cancelled.

Supervisor Blonshine thanked everyone that helped during the week of the election. Jake, Matt and Aaron for set up/tear down and the cleaning crew.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#3638-3740	\$114,337.40	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#NONE	\$ 0.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6524-6548	\$523,751.11	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1444-1453	\$44,673.26	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$67,459.98	February 11, 2020 Budget Meeting Minutes February 26, 2020 and March 4, 2020

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the consent calendar with the following change to the February 11, 2020 Minutes:

Page 1 under REPORTS: Grand Traverse County Road Commission, second sentence should state “he also” instead of “he always”. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Resolution 2020-02 with Corrected EMS Millage Ballot Language**

Moved by Blonshine, second by Fitzpatrick to adopt EMS Millage Ballot Language. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Kucera, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. **Proposed Water Main Extension Request**

Supervisor Blonshine stated that extending this main while MDOT is working on US 31 this summer will save the Township a significant amount of money and will service land that is within the water district.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the request to extend the existing water main in the SW Quad Co. Rd. 633 and US 31 N to NW Quad of same section. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

c. **Approval of Firework Display Dates-Traverse City Pit Spitters**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve Firework Display Dates for Pit Spitters games. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. **Pre-Approved Payment for FEMA Grant Equipment**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to make payment upon delivery of equipment. **Yes:** Blonshine, Zeits, Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

e. **Approval for EMS Memorial Fund Expenditure** *Auditor has approved this expenditure

Moved by Fitzpatrick, second by Zeits to purchase t-shirts for employees to wear for benefit basketball game from EMS Memorial Fund. **Yes:** Zeits, Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

f. **Approval for Payment of Bills during COVID-19 Social Distancing Period**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Blonshine to allow all bills to be paid and sent out post audit and approved by board at next regular board meeting for the duration of COVID-19 period. **Yes:** Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

g. **Request to Allow Variance from Water/Sewer Ordinance for New Service Line to exceed the required maximum 150 feet to approximately 290+/- feet in length at 1768 Sawyer Rd.**

Supervisor Blonshine explained that this is one of the homes that is connecting to the water system via the grant from the State of Michigan to resolve the PFAS contamination of the home's well.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Blonshine to approve the variance allowing the new service line to exceed the ordinance's 150 ft. maximum. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Zeits, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:27 pm

Cindy Wicksall
Deputy Clerk